

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

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How your lawmakers voted

Here's how local members of Congress voted in the week ending Friday. NV means "did not vote."

House

'PAY AS YOU GO'

Voting 265-166, the House on Wednesday passed a bill, HR 2920, putting Congress' "pay as you go" budget rules into permanent law and giving presidents power to sequester funds when Congress breaks those rules. The bill awaits Senate action.

Under "pay-go," Congress is required to offset tax cuts or increases in mandatory spending beyond base-line levels with matching revenue increases or spending cuts. The bill exempts politically popular measures such as Alternative Minimum Tax relief, the Bush administration's middle-class and estate-tax cuts and Medicare payments to doctors.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan D. Hunter R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE

Voting 259-169, the House on Wednesday defeated a Republican plan to replace HR 2920 (above) with a law setting permanent caps on annual spending and deficit levels while leaving tax cuts uncapped. The measure sought to cap discretionary spending at 3 percent of the gross domestic product and total federal spending at about 20 percent of the GDP. Congress now caps discretionary spending on a year-to-year basis in dollars rather than as a fixed percentage of the GDP. The annual congressional budget resolution also projects the year's total spending and estimates the anticipated deficit or surplus.

A "yes" vote backed the GOP plan.

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Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan D. Hunter R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION BUDGETS

Voting 256-168, the House on

Thursday passed an appropriations bill, HR 3288, that provides \$68.8 billion in discretionary spending and \$123.1 billion in total spending for transportation, housing and urban development programs in fiscal 2010.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan D. Hunter R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PUBLIC HOUSING

Voting 276-152, the House on Thursday refused to kill the HOPE VI public-housing program, which provides grants to communities for replacing run-down projects with mixed-income housing and support services for residents. The amendment to HR 3288 (above) sought to eliminate the program's \$250 million budget for 2010.

A "yes" vote was to kill the program.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan D. Hunter R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION SPENDING CUT

Voting 252-181, the House on Thursday rejected a proposed 5 percent, across-the-board cut in HR 3288 (above). The amendment would have trimmed \$3.4 billion from the bill's \$68.8 billion in discretionary spending.

A "yes" vote backed the amendment.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan D. Hunter R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HEALTH, EDUCATION SPENDING

Voting 264-153, the House on Friday passed a bill, HR 3293, that provides \$160.7 billion in discretionary spending and \$567 billion in mandatory spending for health, education and labor programs in fiscal 2010.

A "yes" vote was to pass the bill.

	Yes	No	NV
Brian Bilbray R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Davis D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Filner D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan D. Hunter R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darrell Issa R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>